

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:41 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2309.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AGRICULTURE TRADE WITH CUBA

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine opportunities and challenges for agriculture trade with Cuba, after receiving testimony from Michael Scuse, Under Secretary of Agriculture, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service; Matthew S. Borman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration; John E. Smith, Acting Director of the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury; Michael V. Beall, NCBA CLUSA, Washington, D.C.; Terry L. Harris, Riceland Foods, Inc. Stuttgart, Arkansas; Ralph Kaehler, K–LER Cattle Company, St. Charles, Minnesota; Doug Keesling, Kansas Wheat, Chase; and C. Parr Rosson III, Texas A&M University, College Station.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 and fiscal year 2017 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Robert A. McDonald, Secretary, Carolyn M. Clancy, Interim Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, and Danny Pummill, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Peter Levine, of Maryland, to be Deputy Chief Management Officer of the Department of Defense, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

TERRORISM AND IRREGULAR WARFARE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense policy and programs to counter threats to the United States from terrorism and irregular warfare, after receiving testimony from Michael D. Lumpkin, Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict,

and Brigadier General Scott A. Howell, USAF, Deputy Director for Special Operations and Counterterrorism (J37), Joint Staff, both of the Department of Defense.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on building on the success of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP–21) to deliver safe, efficient and effective public transportation services and projects, after receiving testimony from Therese McMillan, Acting Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation.

ADVANCING TELEHEALTH THROUGH CONNECTIVITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet concluded a hearing to examine advancing telehealth through connectivity, after receiving testimony from Chris Gibbons, Distinguished Scholar-in-Residence, Connect2HealthFCC Task Force, Federal Communications Commission; Kristi Henderson, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson; Jonathan D. Linkous, American Telemedicine Association, Washington, D.C.; and Todd Rytting, Panasonic Corporation of North America, Newark, New Jersey.

FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization, focusing on certification and U.S. aviation manufacturing competitiveness, after receiving testimony from Dorenda Baker, Director, Aircraft Certification Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; Gerald L. Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Peter J. Bunce, General Aviation Manufacturers Association, Washington, D.C.

CONGRESS AND U.S. TARIFF POLICY

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Congress and United States tariff policy, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Donohue, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Richard L. Trumka, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL–CIO), both of Washington, D.C.

EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on State Department and USAID Management, International Operations, and Bilateral International Development concluded a hearing to examine improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Department of State, after receiving testimony from Steve A. Linick, Inspector General for the Department of State and the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

JUVENILE JUSTICE GRANTS ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving accountability and oversight of juvenile justice grants, including S. 993, to increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, veterans treatment services, mental health treatment, and substance abuse systems, after receiving testimony from Elissa Rumsey, Compliance Monitoring Coordinator, and Andrea R. Coleman, Disproportionate Minority Contact Coordinator, both of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and Karol V. Mason, Assistant Attorney General, Office

of Justice Programs, all of the Department of Justice; Carolyn Lerner, Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel; Steven C. Teske, Clayton County Juvenile Court Judge, Jonesboro, Georgia; Dean Hill Rivkin, University of Tennessee College of Law, Knoxville; and Mark Soler, Center for Children's Law and Policy, Washington, D.C.

FULFILLING THE PROMISE TO WOMEN VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine fulfilling the promise to women veterans, after receiving testimony from Patricia Hayes, Chief Consultant for Women's Health Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Joy J. Ilem, Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C.; Anne Davis, Nevada's Women Veterans Advisory Committee, Reno; and CPT Christina L. Mouradjian (Ret.), Milford, Connecticut.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 29 public bills, H.R. 1897–1925; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 56; H. Con. Res. 40; and H. Res. 213–218, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 212, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1560) to improve cybersecurity in the United States through enhanced sharing of information about cybersecurity threats, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1731) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enhance multi-directional sharing of information related to cybersecurity risks and strengthen privacy and civil liberties protections, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–88).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Black to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:26 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:15 p.m. and reconvened at 3:31 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Energy Efficiency Improvement Act of 2015: S. 535, to promote energy efficiency; **Pages H2324–29**

Ensuring Patient Access and Effective Drug Enforcement Act of 2015: H.R. 471, amended, to improve enforcement efforts related to prescription drug diversion and abuse; **Pages H2329–32**

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby: H. Con. Res. 21, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; and

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Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition: H. Con. Res. 25, authorizing the use of the